

EXHIBIT A

AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER B. FRANCIS

NOW COMES Christopher B. Francis, who deposes and states, under oath, as follows:

1. My name is Christopher B. Francis.
2. I am an enrolled member of the Penobscot Indian Nation.
3. I am 42 years old and have resided at Indian Island all of my life.
4. During my childhood, throughout the 1970s and into the early 1980s, my family relied upon fish, fresh water clams, and muskrat taken from the Penobscot River near Indian Island for a substantial portion of our diet.
5. From the spring (April) until the late fall (November), we relied upon these food sources from the Penobscot River for three or four meals per week.
6. At each such meal, we caught or gathered enough of these food sources from the River to feed my mother, my father, and me, which was between two and three pounds per meal.
7. The River species we ate during these meals included, but were not limited to, small mouth bass, perch, pickerel, catfish, fresh water claims, eel, and muskrat.
8. During this same period of time (throughout the 1970s and into the early 1980s), other families of Penobscot members at Indian Island similarly relied upon these same food sources for their diet as regularly as my family did.
9. Until the mid-1990s, I was often asked by elder members of the Tribe for fish from the Penobscot River for their meals, and I often provided them with fish I caught from the River near Indian Island, which they ate.

Dated: Nov 21, 2013

Christopher B. Francis
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Penobscot Nation
Indian Island

Personally appeared the above-named, Christopher B. Francis, who stated, under oath, that the foregoing facts are true, before me,

Dated: 11-21-13

Jenna Seely
Notary Public